

Section 105 - Definitions

105.01 General. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and phrases used in this Code have the meanings given in this Section.

105.02 Internal Definitions. Terms defined in other sections of this Code have the meanings given in those sections. If a term is defined in another section of this Code and also in this Section, and if any inconsistency or ambiguity is created, the definition in this Section shall control.

105.03 Statutory Definitions. In this Code, the terms defined in M.S. 645.44 and 645.45 have the meanings given in those sections, unless this Code contains a different definition. The definitions of any terms defined by statutes, rules, regulations, codes or ordinances adopted by reference in this Code are also adopted by this Code.

105.04 Interpretation and Rules of Construction. Words and phrases used in this Code will be interpreted and understood in accordance with common and accepted usage. Technical words or phrases or other words or terms that have acquired a specific or peculiar meaning will be interpreted and understood in accordance with such meaning. Unless repugnant to the context where used, words in the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, the use of one gender shall include all other genders and words used in the present tense shall include the past and future tenses, and the future tense shall include the present tense. The word "shall" as used in this Code is mandatory and not merely directory. The word "may" as used in this Code is permissive.

105.05 Definitions.

Animal Control Officer. The officer or officer's deputy charged with the administration and enforcement of Section 300 of this Code.

Assessor. The assessor of the City.

Building Code. The Minnesota State Building Code as adopted by Section 410 of this Code.

Building Official. The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of the Building Code, or the officer's duly authorized representative.

Bureau of Fire Prevention. The Bureau established by Subsection 605.05 of this Code.

City. The City of Edina, Minnesota.

Clerk. The Clerk of the City.

Construction Board of Appeals. The board which hears and decides appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the Building Official relative to the application and interpretation of the Building Code, pursuant to MSBC 1300.0230, as defined in Section 410 of this Code.

Council. The Edina City Council.

Council Member. Any member of the Council, including the Mayor.

County. The county of Hennepin, Minnesota.

Engineer. The Director of Public Works and Engineer of the City.

Fire Chief. The Chief of the City Fire Department.

Fire Code. The Minnesota Fire Code and the Uniform Fire Code, as amended and adopted by Section 605 of this Code.

HRA. The Housing and Development Authority of Edina, Minnesota.

Manager. The Manager of the City.

Mayor. The Mayor of the City.

Mayor Pro Tem. The Council Member chosen by the Council to serve as acting Mayor in the absence of the Mayor, pursuant to M.S. 412.121.

Owner. In the case of personal property, a person, other than a lien holder, having an ownership interest in or title to personal property. In the case of real property, the fee owner of land or the beneficial owner of land whose interest is primarily one of possession and enjoyment in contemplation of ultimate ownership. The term includes purchasers under a contract for deed.

Park Director. The Park and Recreation Director of the City.

Person. Any natural individual, firm, partnership, association, institution, company, corporation or any other public or private entity. As applied to partnerships or associations, the term includes the partners or members. As applied to corporations, the term includes the officers, agents and employees.

Planner. The Planner of the City.

Planning Commission. The commission as defined in and continued by Section 805 of this Code.

Police Chief. The Chief of the City Police Department.

Sanitarian. The Public Health Sanitarian of the City appointed pursuant to Section 700 of this Code.

School District. Independent School District No. 273.

Section. A section of this Code unless the reference is expressly made to the Minnesota Statutes or other law.

State. The State of Minnesota.

Statute. Statutes of the State, referenced in this Code as M.S.

State Law. The State Statutes and rules and regulations of State agencies and departments.

Treasurer. The Treasurer-Finance Director of the City.

Zoning Board of Appeals. The board as defined and continued by Subsection 850.04 of this Code.

105.06 Deputies. Whenever in this Code reference is made to any office or official of the City, such reference shall include the duly appointed or designated deputies of such office or official, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

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Reference: M.S. 412.121, 645.44, 645.45

Cross Reference: Sections 300, 410, 605, 700, 805; Subsections 605.05, 850.04